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*Women Police Force.*

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SRI A. A. RASHEED :

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR :

Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the stage at which the proposal to recruit women police force now stands; and

(b) the nature of duties to be entrusted to the women police force?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Recruitment to women police has not yet been made.

(b) (i) Patrolling areas where undesirable women may frequent;

(ii) rescue of young girls found homeless and in danger of becoming prostitutes;

(iii) accompanying police on Immoral Traffic Act raids;

(iv) escorting to Court and guarding in Court female prisoners;

(v) escorting remand and female undertrial prisoners;

(vi) assisting investigating officers and questioning complainants in cases, such as assaults on women accused and women and child witnesses;

(vii) patrolling large railway stations and meeting trains to deal with, control and assist women passengers;

(viii) dealing with stray children;

(ix) bundobust duties at large gatherings where women congregate.

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Minister for Home be pleased to state—

Will the Hon. the

(a) whether applications for the recruitment of women police have been called for;

(b) the prescribed qualifications; and

(c) the period and nature of training?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) A statement<sup>a</sup> is placed on the table of the House.

SRI S. LAZAR : What the Government propose to do, now that there were only a few applicants and even they had not been found suitable for the posts, Sir?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Applications were called for by very wide advertisement and still duly qualified women were not available. Government need not be in a hurry to take this up.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is it a fact that suitable candidates did not come forward because of the poor pay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I should think that suitable candidates did not come and more candidates did not come because of the hazardous nature of the duties that they have to take up.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : சர்க்கார் விளம்பரப்படுத்திய பிறகு சிலர் விண்ணப்பித்துக்கொண்டதாகவும் அவர்களை ஒரு தடவை ஸெலக்ட் பண்ணியதாகவும், ஆனால் மேலதிகாரிகள் அவர்கள் வேண்டாம் என்று சொல்லிவிட்டதாகவும் பத்திரிகைகளில் செய்கிவந்ததே. அது உண்மையானால் செலக்ட் பண்ணப்பட்டவர்களை ஏன் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளவில்லை என்று கனம் அமைச்சர் தெரிவிப்பாரா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : செலக்ட் பண்ணி விட்டு பிறகு அவர்கள் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளவில்லை என்று சொல்லுவது சரியல்ல. முதலில் பரிசீமினரி ஸெலக்ஷன் நடத்தப்படுகிறது. அதற்குப்பிறகு இன்டேர்வியூ பண்ணி தகுதியுடையவர்களை எடுக்கவேண்டும். வந்தவர்கள் எல்லாத் தகுதிகளும் உடையவர்களாக இல்லை. அவர்களை இந்த உத்தியோகத்திற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவதாயிருந்தால் நிர்ணயிக்கப்பட்டுள்ள தகுதிகளை ரிலாக்ஷ் பண்ணியே எடுக்குக்கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்ற நிலைமை இருந்தது. எனவே அவர்கள் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படவில்லை.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : I am one of those who put the question. I want to ask a supplementary, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : I am sorry, I did not see the hon. Member. If he wants, he can ask a question.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Now that there is a dearth of candidates for this women police force, will the Government think of making an offer to the N.C.C. Cadets where girl students are taking their training and make the remuneration more attractive so that better qualified candidates like graduates may offer for these posts?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This is only for one head constable and six constables. I do not think it is right and proper to expect the N.C.C. cadets to take up this job.

SRI S. LAZAR : In view of the reply of the Hon. Minister that the nature of the task is going to be very hazardous, will the Government think of offering not only higher terms in the form of salary but better facilities so as to attract women for this kind of work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All that will be looked into by the Inspector-General of Police.